

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

ELVA CONSTANCE CUNNINGHAM
and DARIA ROSS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GENERAL MOTORS LLC; UWE
ELLINGHAUS, MELODY LEE,
NATHAN TAN, SHANNON E.
WALLACE, TONYA HALLETT, JOHN
and JANE DOE, 1, 2, 3, etc.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 20-cv-03097-AKH

CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION AND PROPOSED PROTECTIVE ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and among counsel for the respective parties in this action as follows:

The parties having agreed to the following terms of confidentiality, and the Court having found that good cause exists for issuance of an appropriately tailored confidentiality order governing the pre-trial phase of this litigation, it is therefore hereby

ORDERED that any person subject to this Confidentiality Stipulation and Proposed Protective Order (“Order”), including without limitation the parties to this action, their attorneys, representatives, agents, experts and consultants, all third parties providing discovery in this action, and all other interested persons with actual or constructive notice of this Order shall adhere to the following terms:

1. Any person subject to this Order who receives from any other person any information of any kind — whether in documents, testimony, or any other form — provided in discovery in the course of this litigation (“Discovery Material”) that is designated as “Confidential”

pursuant to the terms of this Order shall not disclose such Confidential Discovery Material to anyone else except as expressly permitted by this Order.

2. The person producing any given Discovery Material may designate as “Confidential” only such portion(s) of Discovery Material that it reasonably and in good faith believes contains information that warrants such a designation, including but not limited to: (a) sensitive or proprietary commercial, business, personnel, and financial information; (b) material relating to ownership or control of any non-public company; (c) business plans, product-development information, marketing plans, or non-public marketing materials; (d) any information of a personal or intimate nature regarding any individual; or (e) any other category of information that the Court subsequently affords confidential status.

3. With respect to the Confidential portion of any Discovery Material other than deposition transcripts and exhibits, the producing person or that person’s counsel may designate such portion as “Confidential” by stamping or otherwise clearly marking as “Confidential” the document or protected portion of the document in a manner that will not interfere with legibility or audibility. Deposition testimony may be designated as Confidential either (i) on the record during the deposition or (ii) until thirty (30) days after receipt of the deposition transcript.

4. At any time prior to the trial of this action, any Discovery Material inadvertently produced without limitation may be designated by the producing person as Confidential by informing all parties in writing that the Discovery Materials should be treated as Confidential under this Order.

5. No person subject to this Order other than the producing person shall disclose any of the Discovery Material designated as Confidential by the producing person to any other person, except:

- i) the Parties to this action, and any director, officer, insurer, or employee of Defendant in this action, to the extent deemed necessary by counsel for the prosecution, defense or settlement of this action;
- ii) counsel retained specifically for this action, including any paralegal, clerical, and other assistant employed by such counsel and assigned to this matter;
- iii) any witness called to testify at deposition or any witness whom counsel for a party in good faith believes may be called to testify at trial or deposition in this action, provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form attached to this Order;
- iv) any person retained by a party to serve as an expert witness or otherwise provide specialized advice to counsel in connection with this action (and the employees and agents of such person), provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form attached to this Order;
- v) any mediator retained by the Parties or appointed by the Court, and employees of such mediator who are assisting in the conduct of the mediation;
- vi) stenographers engaged to transcribe depositions conducted in this action; and
- vii) the Court and its support personnel.

6. Prior to any disclosure of any Confidential Discovery Material to any person

referred to in subparagraphs 5.iii. or 5.iv. above, such person shall be provided by counsel with a copy of this Order and shall sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form attached to this Order. Counsel for both Plaintiffs and Defendants shall retain a copy of each signed Non-Disclosure Agreement.

7. For applications and motions to the Court where a Party submits Confidential Discovery Material, all documents containing such Material that are submitted to the Court shall be filed electronically and under seal pursuant to the procedures provided in Judge Hellerstein's Individual Rules, Rule 4, except as otherwise modified by the Court. The Parties agree that the Court is ultimately responsible for determining whether there is sufficient justification for the non-public filing of Confidential Discovery Material, and should the Court deny a Party's request for leave to file a particular document under seal, it will not be a breach of this Agreement for a Party to publicly file such document.

8. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, to avoid the unnecessary filing of documents under seal, counsel for the Parties will discuss, in good faith, the need to file Confidential Material under seal. If the parties agree that Confidential Material may be publicly filed, such filing will not be a breach of this Agreement.

9. Regardless of any designation as Confidential, Confidential Discovery Material does not include any document or information which is (i) in the public domain, or, (ii) enters the public domain after execution of this Agreement, provided that the document or information is not made public by a receiving party (or such party's agent) in violation of this Agreement or otherwise in a wrongful manner. Notwithstanding any other term in this Agreement, designation of any document or information as "Confidential" pursuant to this Agreement shall not prohibit a producing party from using its own documents or information in the ordinary course of its business in a manner that is consistent with its efforts to maintain the confidentiality for such material.

10. Any party who objects to any designation of confidentiality may at any time prior to the trial of this action serve upon counsel for the designating person a written notice stating with particularity the grounds of the objection. If the parties cannot reach a prompt agreement respecting the objection, the parties may seek a ruling from the Court.

11. Each person who has access to Discovery Material that has been designated as Confidential shall take all due precautions to prevent the unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of such material.

12. If, in connection with this litigation, a party inadvertently discloses information subject to a claim of attorney-client privilege or work-product protection ("Inadvertently Disclosed Information"), such disclosure shall not constitute or be deemed a waiver or forfeiture of any claim of privilege or work-product protection with respect to the Inadvertently Disclosed Information and

its subject matter.

13. If a disclosing party makes a claim of inadvertent disclosure, the receiving party shall, within five (5) business days, return or destroy all copies of the Inadvertently Disclosed Information, and provide a certification of counsel that all such information has been returned or destroyed. A receiving party may move the Court for an Order compelling production of the Inadvertently Disclosed Information. The motion shall be filed under seal and shall not assert as a ground for entering such an Order the fact or circumstances of the inadvertent production.

14. This Order shall survive the termination of the litigation. Within thirty-six (36) days of the final disposition of this action, upon request by the producing party, all Discovery Material designated as “Confidential,” including copies, shall either be returned promptly to the producing person, or destroyed. Notwithstanding this provision, the parties may retain a copy of Discovery Material obtained during the course of this litigation only to the extent required by law, regulation or legal process, so long as such it is not accessible in the ordinary course of business and is not accessed except as required by law, regulation or legal process.

Upon request of the producing party, any and all:

a. electronic versions of Discovery Material designated as “Confidential,” shall be destroyed by the non-designating/receiving party; and

b. deposition transcripts memorializing the adverse party’s deposition(s), including those designated as “Confidential” and those not designated as “Confidential” shall be destroyed by each adverse party.

15. This Order shall not be construed as an admission by any party that any document or other evidence is discoverable, relevant, or admissible or as a waiver of any right to object to the discoverability, relevance, or admissibility of any document or other evidence. There are no

intended beneficiaries of this Stipulation and Order other than the parties to this action and the Court, and no other person shall acquire any right hereunder.

16. Nothing in this Order shall preclude a party offering information subject to this Confidentiality Order into evidence or from using any such information in the course of examining or cross-examining any witness at the trial of this action or during a deposition conducted in this action. Nothing in this paragraph should be construed to eliminate otherwise applicable confidential protections afforded to medical records.

17. This Confidentiality Stipulation shall be, and is hereby, adopted by the undersigned attorneys, with or without Court signature, as an order of this Court, as though it were submitted to the Court for signature, which shall be effective as of the date hereof.

Dated: October 1, 2021
New York, New York

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SO ORDERED: /s/ Alvin K. Hellerstein
ALVIN K. HELLERSTEIN, U.S.D.J.

Date: October 5, 2021

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NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read and understand the Confidentiality Stipulation and Proposed Protective Order in this action (“Order”). I agree that I will not disclose any Confidential Discovery Material produced in this litigation to anyone other than for purposes of this litigation and that at the conclusion of the litigation I will return all discovery information to the party or attorney from whom I received it. By acknowledging these obligations under the Order, I understand that I am submitting myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for the purpose of any issue or dispute arising under this Non-Disclosure Agreement.

Dated: _____